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ABSTRACT

Focusing attention on possible underlying causes of a child's misbehavior, this guide uses a situational approach for solving specific behavior problems that commonly occur with young children. Each behavior is discussed in a separate chapter, with step-by-step recommendations provided to correct the problem. The book encourages readers to consider the influences of developmental, environmental, and health factors on children's behavior. The chapters are grouped in sections as follows: (1) "Overview," including setting a positive environment to encourage appropriate behavior, and why children misbehave; (2) "Aggressive and Antisocial Behaviors," including hitting, biting, stealing, and noncompliance; (3) "Disruptive Behaviors," including running aimlessly around the classroom, shouting in the classroom, and dropping objects to create noise; (4) "Destructive Behaviors," including breaking toys, flushing objects down the toilet, and destroying the work of others; (5) "Emotional and Dependent Behaviors," including tantrums, baby talk, clinging, whining, and seeking attention; (6) "Participation in Social and School Activities," including non participation, shyness, and infrequent large-muscle activity; and (7) "Eating Behaviors," including finicky eating and overeating. The final two chapters cover dealing with multiple problem behaviors, and record keeping. (HTH)

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